FREE GRANTS OF FOREST PRODUCE.

107. The free grants of timber, &c., made under the authority of the Commissioner during the year, as compared with those of last year, are given below :—

Number.	Division.	1892-93.			1893-94.		
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1	East Thána	378	8	0	1,618	0	0
2	West Thána	49	12	0	30	0	0
3	Surat	703	0	0	473	0	0
4	Panch Mahals... ...	729	4	0	836	0	0
	Total ...	1,860	8	0	2,957	0	0

108. The large increase in East Thána is probably due to a grant made to the villagers of Dughád in the Bhiwndi Range whose houses were destroyed by fire.

CHAPTER IV.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

109. The financial results of the year under report are a record. Last year Mr. Dasái considered them satisfactory though the gross receipts and net revenue were respectively less by Rs. 2,000 and 5,000 than those of 1890-91. During 1893-94 they are greater than the figures of 1890-91 by just over and just under 1¼ lákhs of rupees respectively.

110. The following statement gives the details by main heads of revenue and expenditure for 1892-93 and 1893-94 :—

Budget Main Heads.	1892-93.			1893-94.		
RECEIPTS.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
I	50,554	2	9	26,602	7	1
II	5,67,576	14	8	6,75,989	11	10
III	2,071	6	2	3,089	0	3
IV	1,569	4	2	36,709	15	11
V	13,676	14	5	18,562	10	4
Total, Receipts ...	6,35,448	10	2	7,60,953	13	5
Expenditure.						
A.—Conservancy and Works.						
A.—I	7,692	5	5	17,662	1	3
A.—II	12,040	1	0	12,366	8	6
A.—III	57	7	0	103	2	11
A.—IV	.....			.....		
A.—V	16,963	4	6	15,780	9	2
A.—VI	1,303	12	6	490	10	9
A.—VII	4,136	4	1	7,327	8	0
A.—VIII	70,783	2	4	38,473	9	10
A.—IX	762	8	2	5,842	10	10
Total, A—Conservancy and Works ...	1,14,008	13	0	98,046	13	3
B.—Establishments.						
B.—I	1,30,544	2	9	1,39,194	10	2
B.—II	18,889	14	1	20,522	14	7
B.—III	5,843	9	1	7,182	2	0
Total, B.—Establishments...	1,55,277	9	11	1,66,899	10	9
Grand Total, Expenditure...	2,69,286	6	11	2,64,946	8	0
Net Revenue ...	3,66,162	3	3	4,96,007	5	5

111. From the above it will be seen that the gross receipts are 1¼ lákhs in excess of those of 1892-93. There was a decrease of Rs. 24,000 under I.—*Departmental Working*, which was much more than balanced by an increase of over one lákh obtained by the sale of coupes to contractors (II). This is in every way satisfactory as showing the steadily increasing demand for the standing coupes at enhanced rates which renders departmental working unnecessary. There was a large fluctuation under IV.—*Revenue from forests not managed by Government.* The amount credited in 1892-93, *viz.* Rs. 1,569, was obtained from shares of inám forests sold in Thána. In 1893-94 there was Rs. 1,702 revenue from this source in Thána, and the Government share of 3 inám villages in the Panch Maháls, of which the forests were sold during the year, amounted to Rs. 35,000.

112. The total expenditure shows a decrease of rather more than Rs. 4,000 over that of 1892-93. This, however, is made up of a decrease of nearly Rs. 16,000 under A.—*Conservancy*, and an increase of Rs. 11,600 under B.—*Establishments.* This increase is due chiefly to the pay of Mr. Duxbury who was attached to this Circle during the year, to promotions, &c.

113. The decrease under A, however, is more complicated. It is composed mainly of (1) an increase of Rs. 10,000 expenditure under A. I.—*Departmental Working* debited in the Surat Division during the year though belonging to 1892-93; (2) an increase of Rs. 5,000 due to Law Charges in West Thána (sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 8211, dated 10th November 1893), and (3) expenses on account of uniforms belonging to 1892-93, but debited during the year under report. This increase is more than balanced by a decrease of over Rs. 30,000 under *A. VIII.—Organization, Improvements, &c.* This decrease, however, is mainly due to the inflation of the expenditure under this head in 1892-93 on account of payments for Land Compensation in connection with the catchment area of the Tánsa Lake.

114. The following statement gives the financial results of the Northern Circle as now constituted for the past 10 years :—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.			Net Revenue.
		A.	B.	Total.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1883-84... ...	4,83,560	1,00,631	65,392	1,66,023	3,17,537
1884-85... ...	4,98,329	1,78,621	80,624	2,59,245	2,33,925
1885-86... ...	5,25,484	76,742	1,42,953	2,09,695	3,15,789
1886-87... ...	4,43,157	89,724	1,44,507	2,34,231	2,08,926
1887-88... ...	4,73,104	85,645	1,45,407	2,31,052	2,42,052
1888-89... ...	5,78,425	88,924	1,47,364	2,36,288	3,42,137
1889-90... ...	5,96,066	93,419	1,45,341	2,38,760	3,57,306
1890-91... ...	6,37,408	1,04,809	1,39,880	2,44,689	3,92,719
1891-92... ...	6,14,270	93,399	1,30,089	2,23,488	3,90,782
1892-93... ...	6,82,884	1,38,639	1,96,486	3,35,125	3,47,759
1893-94... ...	7,60,953	98,047	1,66,899	2,64,946	4,96,007

Note.—The figures for the years 1883-84 to 1891-92 inclusive are for the financial year from 1st April to 31st March and those for 1892-93 and 1893-94 are for the forest year from 1st July to 30th June.

CHAPTER V.

FOREST ADMINISTRATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE.

115. Mr. F. R. Dasái, Deputy Conservator of Forests, was in charge of the Circle practically for the whole year under report. He was relieved by undersigned on the 28th April 1894.